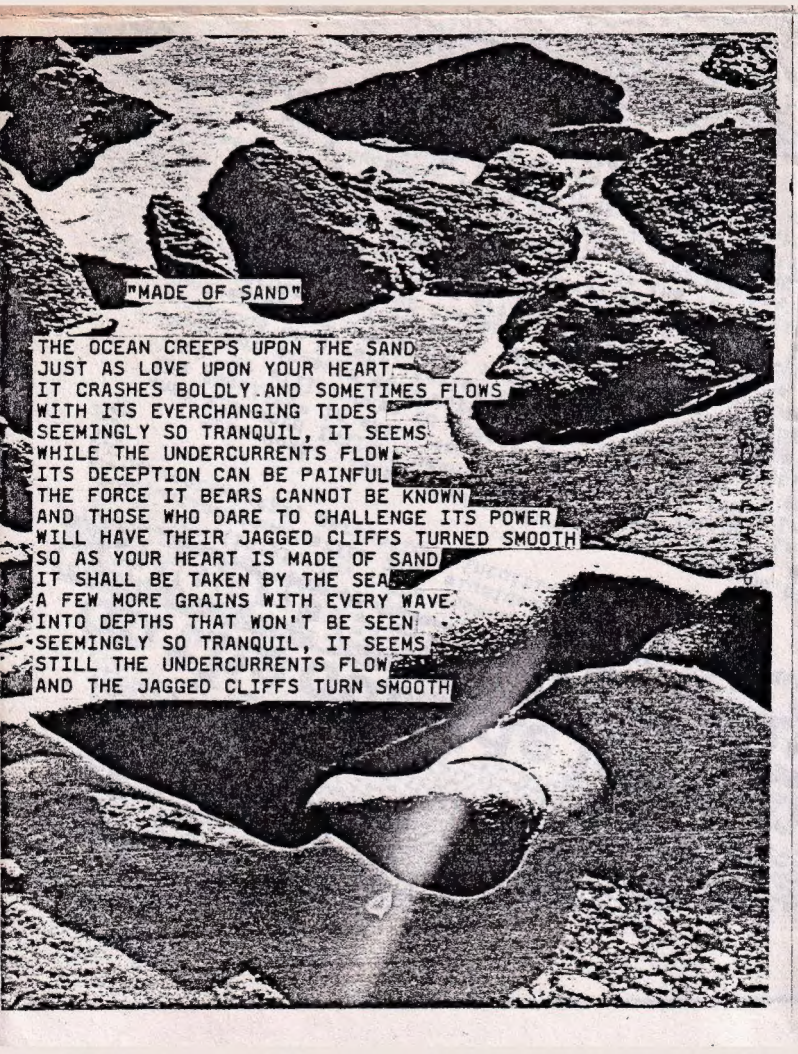


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STUDIO CITY
EXPLORATIONS





"MADE OF SAND"

THE OCEAN CREEPS UPON THE SAND
JUST AS LOVE UPON YOUR HEART
IT CRASHES BOLDLY AND SOMETIMES FLOWS
WITH ITS EVERCHANGING TIDES
SEEMINGLY SO TRANQUIL, IT SEEMS
WHILE THE UNDERCURRENTS FLOW
ITS DECEPTION CAN BE PAINFUL
THE FORCE IT BEARS CANNOT BE KNOWN
AND THOSE WHO DARE TO CHALLENGE ITS POWER
WILL HAVE THEIR JAGGED CLIFFS TURNED SMOOTH
SO AS YOUR HEART IS MADE OF SAND
IT SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE SEA
A FEW MORE GRAINS WITH EVERY WAVE
INTO DEPTHS THAT WON'T BE SEEN
SEEMINGLY SO TRANQUIL, IT SEEMS
STILL THE UNDERCURRENTS FLOW
AND THE JAGGED CLIFFS TURN SMOOTH

"NIGHTMARE"

THE DREAMS THAT YOU HAD LONGED TO REACH,
WILL BE STOLEN
THE LIFE IN WHICH YOU HAD A CHOICE,
WILL BE LAID TO WASTE
THE HOPES YOU HAD THAT SEEMED SO REAL,
WILL BE VOID
DECISIONS THAT WERE YOURS TO MAKE,
WILL BE MADE FOR YOU
THE LOVE YOU SEARCHED SO HARD TO FIND,
WILL BE TAKEN
THE THOUGHTS THAT ONCE HAD FILLED YOUR MIND,
WILL BE STRIPPED
THE FREEDOM YOU ONCE TASTED,
WILL LIE IN CHAINS
SILENCE AND OBEDIENCE WILL MASTER,
THE HAPPINESS AND SORROWS GONE
LIFE WILL BE NOT BUT EXISTENCE,
THE PRODUCT OF MANKIND.



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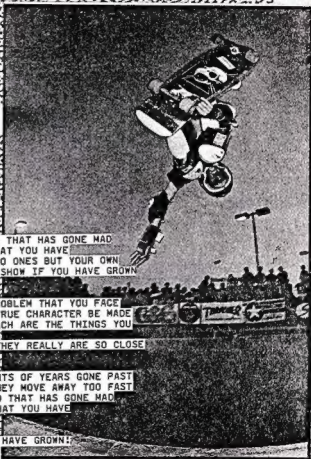
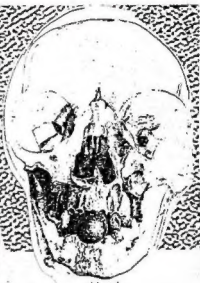
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on the outside looking in... "spoon feeding the masses"

insight('in'sait')n. 1. the capacity to discern the true nature of a situation; penetration 2. an elucidating glimpse syn. discernment, perceptiveness, perception, intuition.

Slow down. Take a few moments of your time and give some thought to what the word INSIGHT means to you. Keeping this in mind, take a look at the "society" in which we live. A lack of insight is very evident. This lack, or willingness to accept only the face value in any given situation does not promote much more than the development of extremely shallow opinions or a very limited outlook on life. Conditions such as these are unhealthy for one thinking. Television relies heavily on these principles, do his/her own thinking. The individual's thought processes, trying to spoonfeed the masses to the point of complacency. It really does have an effect on the individual's thought processes. Television, with its constant deluge of stereotyped imagery can be restrictive to constructive/positive thinking. It is apparent that "face value" a.k.a. "shallow thinking" is the foundation for racism, greed, sexism and countless other shortsighted looking only at what appears ON THE SURFACE, BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN THINGS AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM. Hopefully I've managed to spark a few thoughts in your mind, if you'd like to share your views please feel free to write.

-Bryan K.



BEGINNINGS
STRIVING FOR YOUR SANITY IN A WORLD THAT HAS GONE MAD
LIVING FOR THE MOMENTS REALIZING WHAT YOU HAVE
THE FUTURE THAT YOU'RE HOLDING IS NO ONE'S BUT YOUR OWN
THE CHOICES THAT YOU MAKE NOW WILL SHOW IF YOU HAVE GROWN
WILL SHOW IF YOU HAVE GROWN
WILL SHOW WHAT SEEDS YOU'VE SOWN
TESTING YOUR STABILITY WITH EACH PROBLEM THAT YOU FACE
YET ONLY FROM YOUR HARDSHIPS WILL TRUE CHARACTER BE MADE
THE THINGS THAT SEEM SO HARD TO REACH ARE THE THINGS YOU
WANT THE MOST
THEY ALWAYS SEEM SO FAR AWAY WHEN THEY REALLY ARE SO CLOSE
SO SEE IF YOU HAVE GROWN
AND SEE WHAT SEEDS YOU'VE SOWN
CHALLENGING YOUR MEMORY WITH THOUGHTS OF YEARS GONE PAST
THE DAYS JUST BLURR TOGETHER NOW THEY MOVE AWAY TOO FAST
STRIVING FOR YOUR SANITY IN A WORLD THAT HAS GONE MAD
LIVING FOR THE MOMENTS REALIZING WHAT YOU HAVE
SO SEE IF YOU HAVE GROWN
AND SEE WHAT SEEDS YOU'VE SOWN
BEGINNINGS, BEGINNINGS, SEE IF YOU HAVE GROWN!

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SO MANY SMILES ARE SHED AND PASSED,
FORGOTTEN; NOW PAST, TO WASTE.
BECAUSE SOMETHING "BETTER" CAME ALONG TO FILL THEIR PLACE
BUT IT HAS NO COMPASSION, NO HEART, NO SOUL.
YET IT TURNS WHAT WERE PEOPLE, INTO SQUABBLING FOOLS.
CAUSING DESPAIR NOT NEEDED, ONLY TO DRAG YOU DEEPER.
TRAPPING YOU INTO BEING ONE OF THEIR KIND.
"...JUST TO LET IT TALK..."
"...JUST TO SPEND IT..."
HOW DEEP WILL YOU DIG, HOW FAR CAN YOU CLIMB?
IT HAS RAPED YOUR VALUES, "YOUR ONLY FRIEND"
WITH NOT EVEN YOURSELF LEFT TO LEAN ON,
FOR THAT TOO, HAS BEEN COMPROMISED IN IT'S WAKE.
STEP BACK AND LOOK INSIDE, BEFORE IT STEALS YOUR EYES.